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Dear Stakeholder:

The USDA Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) is seeking comments on the proposed action for the Tahoe Basin Caldor Hazard Tree Fuels Reduction Project. The project includes approximately 1,528 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands burned during the Caldor Fire and approximately 50 acres of NFS lands damaged during Caldor Fire suppression action. The proposed action describes proposed reductions in fuel loading and removal of fire-killed trees or weakened trees that are likely to die because of fire damage, and other trees that pose a hazard to roads, trails, private property and developed recreation sites impacted by the Caldor Fire. The project also includes proposed planting of native trees and vegetation in priority areas impacted by bulldozer line construction and in areas where hazard trees would be removed. These actions would be implemented on the LTBMU and are described in more detail in the proposed action document. Please refer to the project area map for the spatial location of project activities. The proposed action and maps, as well as any project updates, are posted on the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit website at <https://go.usa.gov/xt7VX>. Preliminary assessments have determined that the project falls within a Categorical Exclusion (CE) found in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act, Section 3603, excluding it from the need for either an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

How to Comment and Timeframe

Comments will be most helpful if they are **submitted by March 14, 2022**. To submit a comment electronically, please go to our Forest webpage: <https://go.usa.gov/xmgxT>; scroll down the list of projects; click on "Tahoe Basin Caldor Hazard Tree Fuels Reduction Project"; and, under the righthand column heading "Get Connected", click on "Comment/ Object on Project". Please include: 1) your name, address, phone number, email address, and organization, if any; 2) in the subject line - Caldor Hazard Tree Fuels Reduction Project; 3) where you heard of this project (newspaper, email, word of mouth, etc.); and 4) specific facts and relevant rationale you feel should be considered. Please note your comments and contact information will be considered part of the public record and may be available for public inspection. Postal mail delivered comments should be addressed to: Aimee Lorincz, Tahoe Basin Caldor Hazard Tree Fuels Reduction Project, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Dr., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. Hand delivered comments are not being accepted at this time. For further information regarding this project, please contact Aimee Lorincz, aimee.lorincz@usda.gov. All project comments must be submitted through the mail or through the comments database on the LTBMU website.

Sincerely,

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